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Rev. Amos Phelps
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James R. Camp
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you some bright prospect of being extensively useful in some other part of his vineyard ~

I saw your Mother this morning & told her I thought of writing you on this subject, she remarked that she tho't it would please you to go to New York & said she should be pleased to have you do so; she wished me to tell you, she is well, & expects to go to see you next week ~

My son John has located himself in N. York & on that account, I would be pleased to have you in the same Neighborhood ~

You may think the above letter has its origin from an over-officious disposition in me: But my dear sir, it is rather, (if I am not self deceived) from a strong friendly attachment to you, & a desire that you should obtain a desirable situation for yourself & family, & where may be extensively useful in the vineya our common Lord. I am dear sir

sincerely yours
James K. Camp

P. S. Please accept
the love of my dear wife
J. K. C.

to worship, & had hired for the present, the masonic Hall, they are also without a preacher, & they enquired of me if I knew any who ~~would~~ could probably be obtained & who would be popular in gathering a new congregation, & when gathered, teach them the Gospel in all its purity &c &c.

I told them I knew of no one who could be obtained, who in my opinion would better answer their purpose than yourself; but whether you were dismissed as I had heard, or whether, if you were, it would meet your wishes to settle in N. York I could not tell.

But I told them, I thought they would find in you an acceptable preacher, in every respect, unless ~~it~~ it might be, that you was in the too common practice in New-England, of confining yourself to what you had written, in your sermons. i.e. you were more in this habit, than is customary in New York: — for I believe the N. York preachers use no notes, at all. After all this conversation Mr Shaw said he thought he should speak to one of the elders of this infant church to write you on this subject; whether you may have been addressed on the subject or not I cant say; but if you have, & have not ~~y~~ yet given an affirmative answer, I hope you will not hesitate to go there on account of the infancy or feebleness of the church, for if those few Brethren I saw, ~~are~~ a fair specimen of the whole, it cannot fail to grow up into a large flourishing church immediately, & if you have not yet been written on the subject, I hope you will not engage in any other place immediately, unless in your opinion, our God in his providence should open before

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Dear Brother. The week before the last, on my passage from New Haven to New York, I became a little acquainted with a Gentleman from Mass. & learned by him that you was dismissed from your labours at Hopkinton, & he also told me he had heard that you had a call to settle in Boston. On my arrival in N. York I took lodgings in the family of my old friend Wm. T. Cutter who was formerly my clerk; he has a delightful family of pious Boarders, among whom was a Mr Shaw & his wife from Wrentham Mass, with whom I became considerably acquainted, & found them very lively & devoted Christians, & among other things I learned that Mrs S. was a special, intimate friend of your dear wife; & after I told them that I had for a long time been not only well acquainted with you, had employed you as clerk &c, & was one the admirers of your preaching & of your person & felt a most lively interest in your prosperity & usefulness; we seemed to be well acquainted, & what little time I remained, was to me spent very pleasantly; - I learned from those brethren that they, together with a few others had lately been set apart by the church under the pastoral care of Revd Mr Parker as a colony to become the begining of a new church and as yet, they were without a house in which